

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Transportation Code - Fare Evasion and Passenger Conduct Regulations]

**Ordinance amending the Transportation Code to consolidate and clarify existing fare evasion regulations, revise passenger conduct violations to make consistent with recent state law changes, and authorize the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to establish separate fine amounts for fare evasion and passenger conduct violations committed by youth; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

### Existing Law

In 2008, the SFMTA, in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles, successfully changed state law to allow the agency to issue an administrative citation, as an alternative to a criminal citation, for adults receiving transit related violations, most commonly for fare evasion and passenger conduct violations. At the request of the San Francisco Juvenile Court, however, this change in state law did not apply to citations issued to youth under the age of 18.

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance consolidates and clarifies existing fare evasion regulations, revises passenger conduct violations to make consistent with recent state law changes, and authorizes the SFMTA to establish separate fine amounts for fare evasion and passenger conduct violations committed by youth. The SFMTA is proposing to set the fine amount for transit violations committed by youth at \$56.00, or fifty percent of the fine amount for adults.

### Background Information

On January 1, 2016, Senate Bill 413 became effective. Local jurisdictions now have the authority to establish by ordinance administrative penalties for fare evasion and other transit violations committed by youth, and for citations issued to any passenger or other person who fails to yield a seat reserved for the elderly or persons with disabilities.

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